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Sittings Are Suspended

Tax Commission Complete Work for the Present and Ad- journs.

A Deputation From Vancouver Present Their Views on Taxation.

Witness Takes Umbrage at a Remark of Minister and Withdraws.

THE commission to enquire into the operation of the assessment act concluded its sessions yesterday. At least there were no other witnesses in sight at the time of adjournment last evening, and no further open meetings will be held unless intimation reaches the chairman that other parties desire to be heard. It was agreed that the commission should adjourn upon call of the chairman in order to prevent any possible doubt as to their desire to give everybody desiring to do so, to state their views. Should there be no further evidence offered, the commissioners will meet about a fortnight, when the typewritten report of the evidence is expected to be ready, preparatory to framing the report.

The sessions yesterday were taken up by a deputation from the Vancouver Board of Trade in the forenoon, and by Col. Falk-Warren and Mr. Beaumont Boggs, representing certain small land owners, in the afternoon. The Vancouver deputation consisted of R. Alexander, John Hendry, Wm. McCraney, W. J. McMillan, H. C. Store and A. B. Erskine.

MORNING SESSION.

The chairman explained the regret felt by the commission at being unable to meet in Vancouver, but pointed out that if they had made a precedent of moving from place to place, other centres would have desired visits also. Another reason for not leaving Victoria was that all the documents, etc., were there.

R. Alexander, speaking for the delegates, gave a resolution adopted by the Board of Trade, which set forth that taxation bore unequally. Their resolution held that the plants of manufacturers should be assessed at only half the rate of stock. Mr. Alexander complained of a difficulty in regard to the assessment of machinery. Under present circumstances machines which were really moveable, merely bolted to the mill floors, were taxed as real estate, whereas they were actually personal property. In some cases also they were subject to dual taxation by the city and by the province. He did not think the personal property tax could be equitably levied. Another objection he saw to the act in this relation was that it taxed not only the machine but the materials used in the production of the machine, but the machinery used in the production of the machine.

He thought there should be some exception in the case of machinery. He did not think that large manufacturing establishments, employing numbers of men, should be placed on a par as regards the principle to taxing their means of production, with mercantile warehouses and such like, which only gave employment in a limited degree. He thought the only way to collect fairly was on income. Many, he said, were not aware to what an extent the lumber industry contributed to the revenue. In the last fiscal year they paid over \$45,000, including royalty. In royalty they paid \$32,300,247. The release of the lumber from which timber was cut amounted to \$32,329,654. Their personal property tax was \$28,026. The total amount collected amounted to nearly 1½ per cent.

In 290 working days they had to make out of the profit of that lumber \$155 per cent for the government before there was anything to pay anybody else. This amounted to about 65 cents per thousand feet, board measure, which the government was getting out of every thousand feet that the mill produced. Taking the average price of the lumber and taking off the cost of production left a difference of about \$2 per thousand as the margin of gross profit.

Deducting the 65 cents which went to the government, their net amount was about \$125. The government was getting about 23 1/3 per cent of the whole of their profit.

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Correspondence Associated Press.

Headquarters of the Japanese Army at Port Arthur, Jan. 9, via Tientsin.—When the Kwangtung peninsula was besieged by the second Japanese army, the entire Russian force in the military district of Tientsin, which included Port Arthur and Dairen, was 55,000. The Russian force in the battle of Lushun was 41,000, and 2,000 of these were lost. There have actually surrendered at Port Arthur between 9,000 and 10,000 soldiers and sailors, of whom many were unfit for duty. The sick and wounded number 16,000. Fifty per cent. of the officers of the garrison were killed, and only 28 went through the siege unscathed. The fortress could have held out for some time longer but for the fire of the Japanese 11-inch howitzers, which destroyed the food depots, workshops and ammunition stores, and made the repair of the defensive works impossible.

The last news received by the garrison from General Kuroptkin was in October, when he said he had done his best to break through the Japanese lines to succor Port Arthur, but that he had failed.

A close examination of the main line of the defence of the west half of the eastern fortified ridges, from East Kleekwan mountain to the destroyed Sungshu mountain fort, where the Japanese infantry assaults and bombardments were concentrated during the last days of the siege, demonstrated the effectiveness of the 11-inch howitzers. The Chinese wall on the slopes, the battery positions on the crest of the ridge, and the captured guarding forts in the rear were literally torn to pieces.

It is difficult to understand how the infantry remained in the trenches behind the Chinese wall, in which great breaches were made. The traverses and bomb-proof of the battery positions on Phoshytung and on East Rihling mountain (north) and the new Banjusan and Mantai hill positions in the rear of the Panling mountain fort presented an awful scene. Not a single gun escaped damage by the Japanese bombardments. In the crest of the hills great holes were torn and the gun emplacements were converted into heaps of debris. Dozens of guns were smashed and hurled from their carriages down the observe slope by the shell fire. Between Wal hill and "H" fort a battery of 10-inch howitzers had been emplaced and every one of these guns was damaged, while some of them were destroyed. One gun was evidently being loaded. A shell was in a carrier ready to be put into the breach when a Japanese 500-pound shell shattered the carrier and exploded. The entire gun crew was killed by the explosion and the gun was torn from its position, whilst all around were the mangled remains of the gunners. The effect of this last bombardment was much greater than anyone on the Japanese side imagined at the time.

The garrison made its last attempt at resistance on Christmas Day against the Japanese infantry, which, by a spirited rush, captured Wantai hill. At 2 o'clock on the following morning the Russians exploded mines under the battery positions on the crest of the big East Kleekwan fort. These positions, which were well constructed of concrete, are now strewn with broken guns and debris of all kinds. Not a vestige of the former works is left, and the entire crest of the hill, one of the most powerful battery positions of the fortress, now is completely wrecked.

The Japanese always maintained that there was a strong Russian trench line in the gorge between the East Kleekwan and North Kleekwan mountain forts. This they called the "ghost" trench, because they could never find it, though hundreds were killed every time they attempted to do so. It is now evident, however, that there never was a trench line at this point but that in attacking the gorge the Japanese were subjected to the most awful enfilading fire from the Kleekwan mountain forts and the Chinese wall, making the pass-

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Sunken Warships May Be Floated

Several of Russia's Scuttled
Squadron are in a Fair
Condition.

Kerosene Was Used to Aid
the Destruction of the
Fleet.

London, Jan. 18.—The Times correspondent at Port Arthur, regarding the damage to the Russian fleet, says the battleships *Persviat* and *Poltava* can easily be floated, but that the four destroyers are greatly damaged, and that the battleship *Petropavlovsk* and the armored cruiser *Bayan* apparently are not seriously damaged and can be refloated. These four vessels, the correspondent says, may be saved after great expense, but the difficulties will be great, as there is no dock nearer than Japan for the battleships. The battleships *Retvizan* and *Pobeda* seem to be hopelessly damaged.

As regards armaments, the turrets guns were all destroyed before surrender. Some of the guns of the secondary armament are intact, but most of the small guns were removed to the rear. Three days before the surrender the ships were set on fire with kerosene and mines were exploded alongside. Russians state that the fleet was unfit for service after the engagement of Aug. 10. Coal was abundant and it was used to protect the decks of the war vessels against howitzer shells. On the capture of Roju hill the ships were sunk by opening sluices.

RUSSIA'S SECOND SQUADRON.

Perim, Jan. 18.—The Russian squadron passed Perim straits of Bab-el-Mandeb at six o'clock this morning, heading towards Jidda in the Red Sea. This is the division of Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky's squadron commanded by Vice-Admiral Pototsky, which was last reported at Suez Jan. 12.

Earthquake Burles Many

London, Jan. 18.—A despatch from St. Petersburg to a news agency reports that an earthquake at Shemakha (76 miles northwest of Baku) buried hundreds of persons in the ruins of buildings in the lower part of the town which was densely populated at the earthquake three years ago. No more houses should be built there.

A VICIOUS YOUNG MAN.

Vancouver, Jan. 17.—Alexander Walters, alias Cyril Byron Scott, a young Englishman, 21 years of age, accused guilty in the police court this morning to nine charges of stealing overcoats and umbrellas. He also admitted that he was a deserter from the Northwest Mounted Police. In sentencing him to three years in the penitentiary, Magistrate Williams remarked that on six charges alone he could be sentenced to 42 years' imprisonment.

COAL MINERS' STRIKE.

Commissioners Arranging Conference
Between Men and Employers.

Essen, Jan. 17.—The government mining commissioners were in conference for four hours today with representatives of the operators at Dillenburg, holding the miners' complaints. Tomorrow they will meet the mine owners' association and hear their side, and it is expected that the commissioners will bring about a conference between the two sides on Thursday. Herr Von Velsen, the head of the commission, has instructions from Chancellor Von Buelow to do everything to restore peace. The news from all parts of the mining district indicates that order has been preserved, only insignificant cases of violence being reported. The strikers, now number over 160,000, some estimates say approximately 200,000, affecting 203 mines. Coal consumers in this region are ordering supplies from Belgium and from other German districts. The government railways, in anticipation of the strike, accumulated supplies for six weeks. The speech of Herr Moeller, Prussian minister of commerce and industry, made an unpleasant impression among the miners.

CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS.

Washington, Jan. 17.—The house committee on the election of president, vice-president and representatives in congress gave a hearing today on bills introduced by representative W. Bourke Cockran (New York), one providing for publicity of contributions to campaign funds in presidential elections and the other for the appointment of a special committee to draw up and ascertain the amounts of money expended by both political parties at all presidential elections from 1892 to 1904.

**MANUFACTURERS
AND UNDERWRITERS**

Canadian Association Will Not
Carry Out Proposed
Scheme.

Toronto, Jan. 17.—It was officially announced this morning that the two million dollar fire insurance scheme of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association has completely collapsed owing to the attitude of leading members of the association who are heavily interested in straight line insurance companies whose influence in the executive was the means of practically shelving the matter by the adoption of a comparatively insignificant substitute which stopped the fight with the underwriters and nullified the arrangements for a manufacturers' company.

The executive of the licensed vocational association has issued circulars to all candidates in Ontario, asking them to pledge themselves in the event of legal option being added to vote in favor of amending the license act concerning the holders whose license are thus taken away.

The jury empaneled to investigate the death of Wallace Goodfellow, who died from an attack of typhoid-malaria on Jan. 4 after having been treated by Christian Scientists have brought in a verdict charging Mrs. Sarah Goodfellow, Mrs. Lee and Mr. W. Brundrett, Christian Scientists, with culpable negligence and helping them to be guilty of manslaughter.

RUSSIAN LABOR TROUBLES.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 17.—The manager of the Putiloff iron works, the 12,000 employees of which are on strike, posted a notice tonight summoning the men to return to work, and promising that none of the strikers should be dismissed. The manager consents to an inquiry into the cases of men who may have already been dismissed, which will be attended by representatives of the workmen and directors of the works. Two meetings of strikers tonight were attended by many men from other establishments that the Putiloff iron works. It is believed these will also join the strike, but it is decided to hold a general meeting tomorrow to further consider the situation. The employees of the Franco-Russian, formerly the Baird works, joined the strikers tonight after a fruitless interview with the directors of the concern.

CRASHES THROUGH 11 CARS.
Freight Train at Rathdrum Causes
Bad Smash-up.

Rathdrum, Idaho, Jan. 16.—About noon today westbound freight No. 53 dashed into the rear of an extra freight standing in the city limits where the engine, detached from the train, was taking water. According to the engineer, his air brake failed to work and he was unable to stop the train, which was running about twelve miles an hour when the collision occurred. The heavy engine, with 56 cars behind it, literally plowed through the caboose and ten flat cars, crushing and throwing them aside like chaff, and strewing the sides of the track with wreckage and broken cars. Eastbound passenger No. 2 was held two hours at Hauser while the track was cleared. Several of the train men jumped before the collision. No one was injured.

OBITUARY.

The funeral of the late James Parker, who was one of the first diminishing little group of pioneers of '53, who came to this new land in the good ship *Norman Morrison*, took place yesterday afternoon, the coffin leaving Hayward's undertaking parlors at 2:15 and services being held at Christ church cathedral by the Rev. Canon Beandans, who also officiated at the graveside, the interment being at Ross bay cemetery. There was a very large attendance of friends among them being a number of the hardy pioneers. Others sent floral tokens of sympathy and esteem. The pallbearers were Messrs. R. Savage, L. Goodacre, J. H. Meldrum, Geo. Richardson, A. Graham and L. Parker. The interment of the remains of the late John McGillicuddy, who was a member of the crew, requiem mass being said at St. Andrew's cathedral by Rev. Father Piscator, who likewise officiated at Ross bay cemetery. The pallbearers were Messrs. W. Davidson, G. T. Kane, P. Decatur and S. C. Carroll.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

Wild Lilies to Beautify the Park—A Vagrant Indian Fern.

An exceedingly well attended meeting of the British Columbia Natural History Society was held on Monday evening in the "census room" at the Parliament building, Captain J. T. Walbran filling the chair. Mr. Wallace reported in that half of the members who had planted the seeds of the white lily on both sides of the park road, and in other well-chosen localities at Beacon Hill park, and had hopes of a good return.

Seek License Transfer.—A number of men who have held hotel and liquor licenses at Esquimalt, now that their business has been practically ruined by the navy withdrawal, are seeking a transfer of their licenses within the confines of the city. The matter will come before the licensing board at its next regular session.

Foresters' Meeting.—Court Victoria, S.E.O., A. O. F., will hold its regular fortnightly meeting tonight in the Sir William Wallace hall, Broad street, for the transaction of business and the initiation of half a dozen candidates. At the close of the meeting the usual monthly dance will take place, when a good time is assured all who attend.

Business Change.—Robert Burns is now proprietor of the People's dry goods store on Douglas street. Mr. Burns, who for many years has been confidential clerk and salesman for Mrs. Leiser in the Douglas street store, has purchased Mrs. Leiser's interests in the business. Mr. Burns is well and favorably known as an energetic young man, and doubtless will achieve success as proprietor of the well-known store.

Lodge Competition.—An interesting competition was held in the Odd Fellows' hall last night between Columbia Lodge and Vancouver Encampment. The score was 48 points to 24, in favor of Columbia Lodge. A game will take place in the near future between No. 4, Donkin Lodge, and Columbia Lodge. There are a few tickets left for the Odd Fellows' hall tomorrow night, and anyone wishing to go should lose no time in securing one.

Dominion Exhibition.—General dissatisfaction was felt and expressed yesterday because of the announcement in Colonist despatches from Ottawa that no grant would be made for the Dominion exhibition in British Columbia this year. A very great amount of work had been done looking to the securing of this bonus for one of the British Columbia points, and to find that it has been so much labor lost is disheartening in the extreme.

William Fraser Dead.—The inquest held yesterday into the circumstances surrounding the death of the late William Fraser, who passed away at Gordon Head on Saturday, resulted in a finding of death from natural causes. Death was of Scottish birth and had served with the famous Black Watch in the Crimea. He came to British Columbia as long ago as 1842 and was among the most revered of the elder pioneers.

Revivalist Meetings.—The revivalist meetings being held this week in the Metropolitan Methodist church are being well attended. The meeting held yesterday evening was a grand success. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Adams, delivered a stirring address and several fine solos from members of the choir added to the enjoyment of the evening. The meetings are to be continued throughout the week, and everyone is cordially invited to attend.

The Librarian.—A very large number of applications are pouring into the city clerk's office for the position of city librarian, rendered vacant by the resignation of Mr. A. S. Goward, who for years held the post in the old city hall. Applications are going to be called for in the "new" year and until then the letters of application will be held. It is assumed that the gentleman who is appointed to the post of librarian now vacant at the city hall, will be the choice for librarian with an increase of salary, since the large number of seekers for that office.

St. Barnabas' Social.—The regular fortnightly social of St. Barnabas' church was held in the schoolroom last night. There was a large attendance and the programme was thoroughly appreciated. Rev. E. G. Miller presided and rendered two vocal solos in his usual pleasing style. Miss Scovcroft gave a delightful vocal solo and played the accompaniment for Mr. Talbot's violin solo. Mr. Farmer recited in his best style, and the remainder of the evening was devoted to reminiscences, etc. These gatherings are very popular and the entertainment provided is always excellent, so the people of the church thoroughly enjoy themselves.

Pacific Club.—The annual meeting of the Pacific Club was held last night at the club rooms, which were well filled with members.

A CREAMY FOOD.

Scott's Emulsion is cod liver oil prepared as a food—

not a food like bread or meat, but more like cream; in fact, it is the cream of cod liver oil. At the same time it is a blood-maker, a nerve tonic and a flesh-builder. But principally it is food for tired and weak digestions, for all who are fat-starved and thin. It is pleasant to take; children like it and ask for more.

CARNEGIE'S NOBLE ACT.

Innocent Cause of Bank Failure Aids Distressed Depositors.

Oberlin, Jan. 17.—President King of Oberlin college announced at chapel to day that all money lost by students through the failure of the Citizens' National Bank, which closed its doors at the time of the alleged Chadwick forgeries, would be paid a percentage on the amount shown in the pass books. President King announced further that Andrew Carnegie was the man who was doing this. At the time of the failure the stories of privation and hardship which would ensue to students who had their money in the bank was brought to Mr. Carnegie's attention and he asked for a list of all worthy depositors. Today a check was received from Mr. Carnegie, who, President King stated, with interest, was in the bank failure and his savings irretrievably lost. He did not wish to see deserving students and others suffer. Besides the students Mr. Carnegie reimbursed the V. M. C. to the extent of about \$20,000 which was lost in the same failure.

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Local News.

Bank Clearances.—The clearings of the Victoria clearing house for the week ending yesterday amounted to \$556,033.

School Board Meets.—There is to be a meeting of the school board, the first since the elections, at the City hall at 8 o'clock this evening.

Victoria Nurses.—Nurses who have not handed in their addresses and telephone numbers to Campbell's prescription store should do so at once, as the telephone directory will be published at the end of January.

Victoria-Angeles Ferry.—The proposal to establish a ferry service between Victoria and Port Angeles has not yet advanced beyond its initial stages. It is hoped however that the scheme will be very long successfully materialized.

Oliver's Meeting.—Only eighteen persons were present at John Oliver's meeting to consider a picket against the Assessment Act at Laidlow on Saturday evening last. The gathering was considered a "frost" and was complete failure from a political standpoint.

Mother's Club.—The Mother's Club will hold its first meeting for the winter term this afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Spring Ridge school. Anyone interested will be made welcome at any of these meetings, as they are meant to benefit mothers in all parts of the city.

Increased Production.—In reference to the increased mineral product of the province during last year, published yesterday morning, an error crept in with regard to the production of lead. It was stated that the output was less than that of the previous year. Instead the amount of lead mined, as can be seen from the table, was greater than that of the year before.

Seek License Transfer.—A number of men who have held hotel and liquor licenses at Esquimalt, now that their business has been practically ruined by the navy withdrawal, are seeking a transfer of their licenses within the confines of the city. The matter will come before the licensing board at its next regular session.

Forresters' Meeting.—Court Victoria, S.E.O., A. O. F., will hold its regular fortnightly meeting tonight in the Sir William Wallace hall, Broad street, for the transaction of business and the initiation of half a dozen candidates. At the close of the meeting the usual monthly dance will take place, when a good time is assured all who attend.

Business Change.—Robert Burns is now proprietor of the People's dry goods store on Douglas street. Mr. Burns, who for many years has been confidential clerk and salesman for Mrs. Leiser in the Douglas street store, has purchased Mrs. Leiser's interests in the business. Mr. Burns is well and favorably known as an energetic young man, and doubtless will achieve success as proprietor of the well-known store.

Lodge Competition.—An interesting competition was held in the Odd Fellows' hall last night between Columbia Lodge and Vancouver Encampment. The score was 48 points to 24, in favor of Columbia Lodge. A game will take place in the near future between No.



Our Motto: "Goods as Advertised"
For the last twenty odd years our motto has always been "Goods as advertised," but to emphasize the fact in future all articles advertised in this paper will be marked "as advertised."

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Astrachan. Regular value \$2.50 per yard.	75c
Seal Plush. Regular value 95c \$4.50—TODAY.	95c
New Spot Velvetine, Reg. value \$5.00—TODAY.	50c
Embroidered Costume, Patt. Regular value \$12.00.	\$3.50
Silk Taffeta. Regular value \$1.00 per yard.	50c
Fancy Silk. Regular value 90c per yard.	40c
Ostrich Plumes. Regular value 65c.	25c
Fancy Buckles. Regular value up to \$1.00.	25c
Children's Caps. Regular value up to \$1.00.	25c

HOME NEEDS

Grillwork. Regular value \$1.00 per foot.	25c
Extension Grillwork. Regular value \$1.00.	1.00
Swing Portiere Poles. Regular value \$1.25.	75c
Grillwork Corners. Regular value 49c.	75c
White Cornice Poles, 12 feet. Regular value 60.	25c
2-inch Curtain Poles. Regular value 5c. per foot.	5c
Tapestry. Regular value 65c. per foot.	45c
Silk Curtains. Regular value \$1.50 per pair.	4.75
Brussels Net Curtains. Regular value \$7.50.	5.25

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January 18th, 1905.

TOM GEORGE USES
WINCHESTER RIFLEArrested This Morning for Firing
Two Shots at H. Wheeler
During Quarrel.

There was a row on the Indian reserve last night, and as a result Tom George is under arrest at the city lock-up charged with shooting with intent to commit grievous bodily harm; he fired two shots with a Winchester rifle at Henry Wheeler. Both men had been drinking—for despite the rifle of the officers of the law those who sell liquor to Indians continue to supply the firewater. They quarreled about their women. George accusing Wheeler of being too friendly with his wife, and after shouting epithets at each other George seized his rifle and fired two shots at Wheeler.

The fight took place this morning soon after midnight in the vicinity of the Everett saloon on Esquimalt road, at the corner of Craigflower road. The saloonkeeper at once telephoned to the police and reported to Jailer Allen that a fight was in progress between some Indians and two shots had been fired. The patrol with Constables Blackstock, Fry and Clayards aboard at once hurried to the scene. They found that George had returned to his house on the reserve, and Wheeler was in his bed, fearing the angry man with the rifle. George was found and placed under arrest and later Wheeler was located and was held as a necessary witness. He stated to the police that there had been a quarrel about the woman and George had fired at him. George says he fired in the air to frighten Wheeler. Constables Clayards and Deasy were investigating the case, seeking further witnesses, at an early hour this morning.

TATOOSH REPORT.

Tatooch, Jan. 17.—9 a. m.—Clear; east 25 miles. No shipping. 2 p. m.—Clear; east 36 miles. Inward, Alvena Canano, towing, at 120 p. m., 4 p. m.—Clear; east 36 miles. Inward, Umatilla, at 2:30 p. m. Outside, bound in, a four-masted schooner towing.

THE TIDES.

High water 11:12 p. m.

Low water 7:32 p. m.

The Colonist.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 18, 1905.

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THE TIME HAS COME.

sult of the political dominance of the Eastern Provinces, and not as a recognition of the representations made on behalf of British Columbia, and it cannot be welcomed here as any relief for the exceptional disabilities under which, all alike admit, we labor in this Province. It is not safe for our wounds, but the infliction of increased burdens to bear on account of the general weal in Canada. Our representatives at Ottawa have their opportunity. Will they seize it?

CHINESE COAL AND IRON.

Those who are discussing the developments on this coast arising out of the production of coal and iron would do well to consider the possibilities which there are in view in China in a similar way. In Shansi and Honan there are enormous deposits of coal, both anthracite and bituminous, declared by experts to be equal to the best Pennsylvania and South Wales varieties. With the approaching completion of the railway to Taokou on the Wei River, 75 miles long, it will be possible, says Engineering to bring fuel to the coast at a price that will make it impossible for foreign coal to compete with it. The present price for good European steam coal varies from 30s. to 40s. per ton, whereas in China the coal can be produced at the pit mouth at from 1s. to 2s. 6d. per ton, and the cost of carriage, when the necessary lines are completed to Nanking, will be 10s., and very little more to Shanghai, which imports annually 1,000,000 tons. Hitherto, the exploitation of these extensive coal fields has been hindered by lack of transportation facilities. There is also a large trade opening in the interior which is described as capable of indefinite expansion. The known coal fields of China are estimated to cover 400,000 square miles, but few of them are worked and only for local consumption as yet. The factor of cheap Chinese labor, it will be seen from the cost of mining, will be an immense factor of development, and we have, therefore, to fear the competition of the "yellow man" in his own home even more than in our midst.

With the prospects of extensive and cheap coal mining come also the prospects of a large iron manufacturing trade in the vicinity of the coal fields. Shansi, we are told, is rich in iron ore, which occurs abundantly in several strata of the coal formation. Engineering says all the essentials for iron work are there—an iron of great purity, rich in metal and fusible, all sorts of clay and sand, such as are required for crucibles and moulds, etc., and a very superior anthracite. It is estimated that pig iron can be produced in Shansi at about 20s. per ton, and can be placed in Shanghai, which does a large iron trade, at 6s., whereas imported pig steels there at 100s. per ton. Iron can probably be manufactured on the Pacific coast under present conditions at 8s. per ton, or at a price, if the Engineering figures are correct, about equal to what it can be laid down at Shanghai. The difference in the cost of production arises out of the difference in the price of coal and labor.

The question has unfortunately within the Province been prejudiced in the minds of many opposed to the local administration by the misapprehension that it has been raised by the latter as one of political advantage to itself and of opposition to the Liberal Government at Ottawa. They have failed to differentiate between the just claims of the Province as a Province and their advocacy as part of a political platform. This is shortsighted, if nothing else, even from a partisan point of view, because as sure as there is a sun in the sky, if a Liberal Government were in power in the Province tomorrow, it would be beset with the same financial difficulties as the present Government has been, and it would be forced to similar conclusions as to the inadequacy of the allowances made by the Dominion Government for local requirements entailed through the peculiar physical conditions of the Province. It is an absolute mathematical certainty from which there is no escape. To oppose the claims of the Province for special consideration as a means of embarrassing the McBride administration is placing a bar in the way of recognition they would seek, if the Opposition should come into power. It is an ill-bred bird that fouls its own nest, and the attitude taken by the Liberal press today, either as the result of partisan blindness or misapprehension of the merits of the question, is an illustration of that mistaken, not to say unpatriotic, policy in regard to their own Province.

As the Province becomes opened up by railways, and the requirements of internal development become more general throughout the vast extent of British Columbia from east to west and north to south, the financial stress will become more marked, and the hopes of those who dwell on the "illimitable possibilities" of this great Province will be blighted by the limitations imposed through insufficient sources of revenue. People are crying out for railways and roads and schools, and many other things, and the demands for these will become more incessant as the area requiring administration becomes widened. No amount of economy will compensate for the responsibilities thrown upon the local administration by the terms of union, and only federal subventions commensurate with the task to which we have become heir through Confederation—a task incomparably greater than that of any other of the members of that union—can suffice.

The duty of the hour is to strike for recognition when the opportunity will be opened up to us through the formation of new Provinces and the general revision of terms that is about to take place. The increased subsidy that will come to the Province on the basis of population as part of a uniform plan of readjustment will leave British Columbia relatively better off than she was. As the other Provinces, with much larger populations, will receive greatly increased subsidies, our tribute to the Dominion in consequence of the increased general expenditure will be greater than what we shall have received. We shall in that sense be worse off. The general readjustment comes as the re-

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We did the largest trade with the United States, which was \$223,599,447, being an increase of nearly \$15,000,000

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By ports the statistics of exports and imports are:

	Exports.	Imports.	Total.
Kaslo	32,663	110,917	442,076
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Nanaimo	3,580,562	328,355	3,918,917
Nelson	1,398,663	701,030	2,102,693
New West.	3,017,716	966,120	3,983,835
Powell	3,087,418	596,232	3,683,650
Vancouver	4,316,632	6,015,510	10,362,175
Victoria	1,071,418	2,958,453	4,030,871

The Toronto Globe has a new name for the wrongdoings of its party in Ontario. It calls them "sporadic sins against electoral purity," for which no government can be held responsible.

These kind of sins just blow around in the wind and settle down in "any old spot," the same, for instance, as the bacteria of tuberculosis. It must have happened, however, that the Liberal system, being a little run down under the Ross regime, became a favorite breeding ground for their development. The aid of science is wonderful in enabling us to explain things that cannot otherwise be understood.

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500 yards in this assortment.

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Today we place on sale in Cloak Department 70 Raincoats for Women.

Raincoats—Prices \$12.50 to \$25.00. Today, \$8.75.

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20 Raincoats at \$12.50. today.....\$8.75

15 Raincoats at \$15.00, today.....\$8.75

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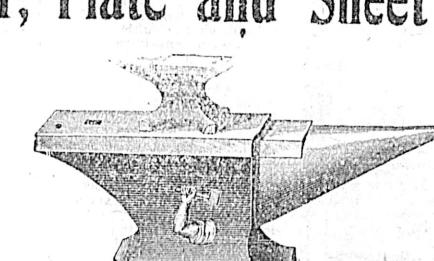
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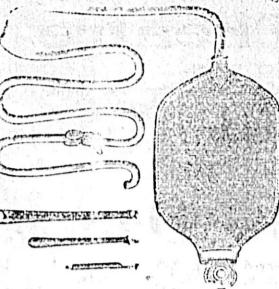
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LOCAL NEWS.

Hospital Board Meets—A meeting of the directors of the Jubilee hospital will be held at the Board of Trade building at 8 o'clock tomorrow evening.

Talked of Humor—The attendance at yesterday's meeting of the Tuesday Club was more than ordinarily large. The subject in discussion, that of "Humor," appealed to all. After an interesting paper on the subject by Mrs. Kent, anecdotes and discussion followed filling up a very enjoyable half-hour.

Not Postponed—The committee on lectures at the Y. M. C. A. wish to announce that the lecture this evening on "The Far East" by Rev. Archibald Ewing has not been postponed, as reported. As Mr. Ewing has 100 light views to show, it will be necessary to commence sharp at 8 o'clock. Admission ten cents.

A Gold Brick Yarn—R. H. Johnston, the well-known local seed merchant, has received a fake philanthropic notice from a gold brick artist in far-off Barcelona, Spain. The usual story of the daughter and the trunk with thousands in it is told, coupled with the suggestion that a telegram be sent if the "offer" is accepted. It hasn't been dispatched as yet.

Shipwrights Name Officers—The local association of shipwrights, at their annual meeting just held, elected officers for the ensuing year, as follows: President, Wm. Thompson; vice-president, D. L. Kelly; recording secretary, T. H. Piper; treasurer, Wm. Atkins; trustees for three and two years, respectively: F. E. Kermode, Geo. Monteith and Geo. McNutt.

Gordon Head Concert—On Thursday, the 20th inst., a Burns' concert will be given by the residents of Gordon Head in the new hall. There has been prepared a fine programme, including piping and dancing. Miss Mary May will be the star of the evening, as she is to be heard in songs and recitations. Arrangements are being made for a bus to leave the city at a convenient hour.

Tourist Association—The annual meeting of the Victoria Tourist Association will be held in the City Hall this evening. Mayor Barnard will occupy the chair. An exhaustive report, compiled by members of the executive committee, dealing with the past year's work and its results will be read by the secretary. It will be illustrated by lantern views, and there will be addresses by prominent members and others.

The Thursday Evening Club—The committee of the city council to new home for the "rest" and inform, at the direction of Madam Dickenson and Simpson will hold their first dance tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock in the Assembly hall, when membership cards will be issued. Madam Dickenson and Simpson take this opportunity of extending a cordial invitation to pupils and their friends who may desire to become members.

Good Business Scheme—It doesn't take Victorians long to catch on to good schemes for promoting the popularity of their business establishments. Since the adoption of the five-cent fare to Esquimalt, if tickets are bought in \$5 lots at the company's office, several Government business houses, located near the city terminus of the Esquimalt line, have been buying the tickets and retaking them at cost in 25 and 50-cent packages. They make no money on the transaction, but they popularize themselves and their establishments and indirectly reap substantial benefit.

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the Matter of the Estate of Constance Langford Davis, late of Victoria, B.C., deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to the Trustees and Executors Act to all creditors of the estate to deliver to the undersigned before the 24th day of January 1905, full particulars of claims, and to file with the executors will proceed to distribute the assets according to law.

Dated this 20th day of December, 1904.

McPHILLIPS & HEISTERMAN,
02 Bank of Montreal Chambers, Victoria,
B.C., Solicitors for the Executors.

Notice of Application for Grant of Foreshore and License to Construct Wharf.

NOTICE is hereby given that under and pursuant to the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1880, Chapters 36 and 92, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria has applied to the Governor-General in Council for the grant of a portion of the foreshore on the Northeast of Rock Bay in Victoria Harbour.

A plan of the said foreshore and of the works and improvements proposed and a description by metes and bounds of the proposed sites of the same have been deposited in the Minister of Public Works Ottawa, and a duplicate thereof has been deposited in the Land Registry Office at Victoria, aforesaid.

Dated this 10th day of December, 1904.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,
Clerk of the Municipal Council of the City of Victoria.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

ARTHUR KEAST, Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that all Creditors and other persons having any claims or demands against the Estate of the late Arthur Keast, of Victoria, B.C., who died at Victoria aforesaid on the 24th day of August, 1904 (Administration of whose Estate was granted at Victoria, B.C., on the 2nd day of October, 1904), are hereby required to send particulars in writing of their claims to the undersigned, the Solicitors for the said Administrator, on or before the 20th day of February, 1905, after which date no claim will be admitted, and will be liable to be rejected.

Dated this 17th day of December, 1904.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,
Clerk of the Municipal Council of the City of Victoria.

NOTICE.

I intend to appear at the next sitting of the Board of Licensing Commissioners for a transfer of the license held by me to sell by retail Wines and Spirits and Liquors on the premises known as the Commercial Saloon, situated on the corner of Douglas and Cormorant streets, in the city of Victoria, B.C., to James Stuckey.

ALFRED WOOD.

NOTICE is hereby given that an application will be made to the Parliament of Canada at the next Session thereof for an Act enabling Celeste Joly of London, England, Inventor, and the Light Traffic Company, Limited, of Victoria, B.C., to apply for the Patent of Canadian Patent for a useful invention known as the Call and Mono-Rail Portable Railway System, whereof Celeste Joly is the Patentee in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and various foreign countries, notwithstanding the lapse of one year from the issue to him of the patent aforesaid.

Dated at Victoria, B.C., this 31st day of January, 1905.

ERIKS & TAYLOR,
02 39 Langley Street, Victoria, B.C., Solicitors for the said Administrator, Hubert Keast.

NOTICE.

ADVERTISEMENTS under this heading will be inserted at a special rate of one-half cent per word, with six insertions for the price of four.

WANTED—MALE HELP.

WANTED—Strong, willing housemaid; English preferred. Box 135 Colonist office. ja15

WANTED—Boys at B. A. Paint Co. ja15

WANTED—Men to learn barber trade in eight weeks and secure positions; constant practice; expert instruction and examinations; wages earned while learning. Catalogue mailed free. Molar System College, San Francisco, Cal. d28

SITUATIONS WANTED—MALE.

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WANTED—SITUATION.

WANTED—Situation by young man as baker. Address "Gough," so Pandore ave.

WANTED—Fleet Surgeon W. E. Home, shortly giving up charge of the Naval Hospital at Esquimalt, wishes to recommend his Chinese cook, a good cook, 40 years old, who has given every satisfaction. Dr. Home also wishes to recommend as gardeners the two outdoor Chinamen, Foh and Lew (disengaged end of February). They are capable and untiring. Foh is very handy and a particular valuable servant.

Dated at Victoria, B.C., this 31st day of December, 1904.

CASSIDY, DUMBLETON & SOLOMON,
Solicitors for the Applicants. §

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Private Bills Notice.

The time limited by the Rules of the House for receiving petitions for private Bills will expire on the 9th day of February, 1905.

Bills must be presented to the House not later than the 2nd day of March, 1905.

Reports from Committees on Private Bills will not be received after the 9th day of March, 1905.

Dated this 31st day of December, 1904.

THORNTON FELL,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

LAND REGISTRY ACT.

IN THE MATTER OF An Application for

duplicate Certificate of Title to all the Estate of John Bennetts in Subdivision 4, Lot 4, Block "H," Flinlayson Estate, Victoria City.

NOTICE IS HEREBE GIVEN that it is

my intention at the expiration of one month from the first publication hereof, to issue a duplicate of the Certificate of Title to above Lot, issued to Elizabeth Sarah Bennetts on the 20th day of March, 1896, and numbered 16732.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar-General.

Land Registry Office, Victoria, B.C., this 16th day of November, 1904.

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FOR SALE—Beaumont Bogg's,
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TO LET—Furnished house for few months; furnished.

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SEVERAL NICE FARMS in Cowichan district and Seminon, at reasonable prices.

SEVEN-ROOMED HOUSE, Richmond road, can be purchased by monthly payments of \$15; interest at 4 per cent.

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Applying and ordering the periods of time in each year for the holding of the half-yearly general meetings of the shareholders, which will be called "ordinary meetings."

Dated this 10th day of December, 1904

By order of the Board of Directors.

Revised Statutes of Canada

Chapter 12

NOTICE is hereby given that one month after date application will be made to the Governor-General in Council for approval of the plan and site of a wharf and saw-mill to be erected by W. H. Moore and Ernest W. Whittington on and opposite Latta's, 9th and 10th, In Block B, Work Estate, in the City of Victoria, British Columbia.

A plan of the site with description thereof has been deposited with the Department of Public Works at Ottawa, and a duplicate of each will be deposited in the Land Registry Office, Victoria, B.C.

Dated this 28th day of November, 1904

at Victoria, British Columbia.

WOOTTON & GOWARD,
Bank of Montreal Chambers,
Victoria, British Columbia.

Solicitors for the Applicants.

TO LET—FURNISHED—5-roomed cottage with bathroom and electric lights, Dallas road. \$25 per month.

REMOVAL NOTICE

REMOVAL—Jackson removed his shop to 52 Fort street, near Broad, d1

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TEACHER WANTED—An experienced teacher, with good division of time, Penny city school, salary \$50; to enter upon duties on the 6th February. Apply, with testimonials, to J. A. Renne, Secretary, F. B. C.

1914—McPHILLIPS & HEISTERMAN,
02 Bank of Montreal Chambers, Victoria,
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WANTED—FEMALE HELP

WANTED—Two experienced housemaids seek situations. 60 Rae street. ja18

WANTED—Reliable waitress, also experienced general help. Apply 60 Rae street. ja15

WANTED OR STOLEN—English setter dog, white and spotted, ear. Return to 18 Princess avenue. Anybody harboring same after this notice will be prosecuted. ja15

WANTED—Good girl for general housework in small family. Inquire No. 287 Yates street. ja12

SITUATIONS WANTED—FEMALE.

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Admiral Palliser Sought Cocos Gold

Former Commander of Esquimalt Fleet at Head of Fitzwilliam Party.

Third Attempt of Retired Naval Officer to Recover Elusive Millions.

At the back of the story of the fight between rival bands of treasure-hunters on Cocos Island, of which news was given on Sunday, is a local story—a tale which concerns the search made for the treasures of Cocos Island by Rear Admiral St. L. Bury Palliser with H. M. S. Imperieuse and Amphion when the rear-admiral commanded the Esquimalt squadron. Rear-Admiral Henry St. Leger Bury Palliser, it is now stated in American exchanges, whatever the source or value of their information may be, was a member of the expedition of Lord Fitzwilliam, which fought with the treasure-hunters under Harold W. S. Gray, whom they found searching for the elusive millions of the treasure island.

It is further stated in these same journals that it was the rear-admiral of the Esquimalt fleet who interested the adventurous British lords in the project to delve for the millions of Cocos Island. The tale goes back to an expedition despatched to the island in the South Pacific by a number of Victorians, sailors and others. They outfit and despatched the sealing schooner Aurora, in charge of Captain Fred Hackett, with one Mrs. Breman, said to be a native of the captain of the Aurora. He had lost his job, but still held the key to the treasure's hiding place, or thought he did. At any rate, he convinced his friends that he was in possession of a secret that was worth money. The British steamer Lytton was chartered to carry home the gold. That expedition was a failure. The hiding place of the treasure was found, but so deeply buried under the rocks and earth that recovering the gold was a big undertaking than the expedition was in condition to carry out. After landing Palliser and his party at Panama, the Lytton came northward in her, October, 1903, short of fuel.

The Earl Fitzwilliam party, say the officers of the City of Panama, obtained a concession from the government of Costa Rica to search for the treasure on Cocos Island, and, like all previous seekers after the buried Klondike, were full of hope and convinced that they had a get-rich-quick cinch. The Veronique had a crew of 74 men, and the Earl was prepared to shovel the whole island into a sluice-box if ordinary life's failed to bring about a realization of the Admiral's dream. When it was all over, the treasure-laden Britons were to return to Panama, return to England with the gold, and buy marble palaces and fast automobiles. The Veronique, no 'tzer a yacht, would be released in her character and allowed to go tramping again.

WOMEN LEARN JIU JITSU.

Wives of University Professors Form Class to Study Japanese Art.

Chicago, Jan. 16.—The wives of several Northwestern university professors have taken up jiu jitsu under the encouragement of the faculty of the institution, and classes for their benefit will be begun next week by Miss Gretchen Huguenin, the physical director for the women of the university. The first session of the class will be held next Tuesday night, and the class will be in session a week thereafter. Miss Huguenin, who is an enthusiastic admirer of the Japanese system, has introduced some of its features into her work in the young women's gymnasium. The new class, however, will be given up exclusively to jiu jitsu, and Miss Huguenin thinks the methods which it combines are those most needed for the physical development of the American woman. Chicago women especially, who frequently have to fight for life with footpads, need some means of self-defense.

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According to the London Lance of January 30, 1904, Apollinaris is bottled only at the original only, and its own natural gas. The spring being in Nuremberg, Germany, Apollinaris was exhibited in the German Division, and it is noteworthy that Germany made a brilliant record in the great number of awards carried off.

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Wreckage Found On Island Coast

Bowsprit and Part of Mast With Rigging Found Washed Ashore.

Steamer Kootenay Is Sold to a Nanaimo Man—Kanagawa Maru Sails.

The trend of tide and current in the North Pacific ocean has made Vancouver Island a veritable graveyard of ships; many a disaster has occurred on the rocky shores of the island and not all have been known to the world. During the winter months wreckage has often been found, indicative that some ship has met with disaster, but the mystery of her fate is never solved. This seems to have again been the case, for with the last news received from the Island coast comes a letter from Nootka, which says: "On the beach about a mile west of Friendly cove there lies a black painted bowsprit with considerable curving, finished with gold-leaf, but nothing else in the way of marks by which she could be identified.

"The bowsprit in question is in a good state of preservation, and does not show any signs of being in the water long.

"Farther along the beach there is a broken mast with part of the rigging attached, and considerable other wreckage, perhaps this may throw some light on the name of the vessel that has met mishap."

Some few weeks ago Lightkeeper Daykin of Carmannah told of the finding of a large amount of drift lumber and other wreckage, including a number of oaken casks, on the beach near Croosee and to the north of Carmannah point light. About the same time news was received from Ucluelet of the finding of the body of an unknown man, badly decomposed, in the sea at Barkley sound.

Whether these finds have any bearing on the find made further north is unknown. Wreckage often drifts for a considerable distance on to the Island coast; for instance, ears of the steamer Walla Walla, lost off Cape Blanco, on the California coast, were found on the Vancouver Island coast.

The Royal Yacht Club. The vessel arrived a few days ago at Panama, and her company, other than the crew working the steamer, have gone. The San Francisco Call says the Veronique is a British tramp steamer, but by virtue of her mission and the title borne by her charterer, she figures in the cable despatches as a yacht, and, when the Panama's officers saw her, was flying the flag of the Royal Yacht Club. On board the Veronique were fourteen passengers, all members of a syndicate formed in England by Henry St. Leger Bury Palliser, formerly a rear-admiral in the British navy and once commander of England's Pacific Squadron. Palliser is on board the Veronique. This is the third attempt he has made to find the Cocos Island treasure.

The secret of its hiding place was confided to him when he commanded the Pacific squadron. He needed the money, and without a word to his government, and without leaving his flagship, he implored, for what he knew on the island. He landed three hundred bluejackets, and after satisfying himself that there was something in the story of hidden gold, and that he had the key to its hiding place, he withdrew his men and sailed back to Esquimalt.

Meanwhile the Costa Rican government protested to the British government against Palliser's action in landing an armed force without permission on the Costa Rican territory. Palliser was recalled and retired from the service. He had lost his job, but still held the key to the treasure's hiding place, or thought he did.

At any rate, he convinced his friends that he was in possession of a secret that was worth money. The British steamer Lytton was chartered to Kootenay to Capt. A. F. Yates of Nanaimo, who intends to use the vessel as a pleasure yacht. The Kootenay which is well known to Victorians—she was used two years ago as a Gorgon galleon—was chartered to the Veronique, who had the secret, and the crew had the property of the British Admiralty. The Kootenay was to be sold to the Veronique, who had the secret, and the crew had the property of the British Admiralty. The Kootenay was to be sold to the Veronique, who had the secret, and the crew had the property of the British Admiralty.

GOES TO NANAIMO.

Captain A. F. Yates Buys Steam Yacht Kootenay, Through J. H. Greer.

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TO REPAIR SHIP.

Representative of Owners of Haddon Hall In the City.

Capt. Barkley, representing Messrs. G. de Wolf & Co., owners of the British ships Haddon Hall and Penthesilea, now at Esquimalt, is at the Veronique. He is engaged in negotiations to have the repairs necessary to the Haddon Hall as a result of the stranding of that vessel in South America. The Haddon Hall will be hauled out at Esquimalt for a marine survey, and then specific work will be done by the Veronique's agents for the repairs necessary to the ship. Bids for the work will then be invited. The Penthesilea, which is loading at Esquimalt, will probably take at least two thousand tons of naval stores to England.

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MARINE NOTES.

A refrigerating plant to cost \$10,000 is being installed on the steamer Jefferson. Steamer Corwin, formerly revenue cutter and now a freighter, in merchant service between Seattle and Nome, is being converted into an oil burner.

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NERVOUS, SICK HEADACHE.

Mr. O. Barber, Simeon, Ont., writes: "I was troubled for a long time with headaches, which would come on about once a week with such violence that I could not eat or do my work. I tried headache powder and quick cure, which did no good. About a month ago I took a bottle of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, and I have not been troubled with headache since."

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AT SANITARIUM.

Capt. John B. Libby Is in Serious Condition of Health.

Capt. John B. Libby, who for several weeks has been ill at Providence hospital, was taken to Portland to be placed in a private sanitarium. He started for Portland with City Detectives Eason and Tenant. It was found after they had started that it did not require the services of both to take him, so Tenant returned to Seattle.

Capt. Libby was manager of the Puget Sound Tugboat Company, and one of the best known steamboat men on the coast.

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